

HOUSE RESOLUTION 14
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Richard Enochs of
Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Enochs, deeply beloved professor, administrator, family man, and friend; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Enochs' influence upon his students at Tennessee State University, his family members, and others in the Nashville community was far-reaching and profound; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee State University President, James A. Hefner, said of Dr. Enochs: "He was an outstanding professor, administrator, student motivator and contributor to the university."; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Enochs served with acumen and alacrity as Chairman of the Health Care Administration Program at Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College for almost two decades; in this position, he established a reputation for devotion to his students and for the importance he placed on mentoring and assisting them; and

WHEREAS, formerly the Director of the Community Health Center in Mound Bayou, Mississippi, Dr. Enochs came to Tennessee State University in the mid-1980s to lead a joint healthcare administration and planning program between Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Enochs was an active and devout member of the Born Again Church, which he served faithfully for many years as Director of the African-American Heritage Celebration and as Director of the Missionary Gospel Ensemble Group, a community-based project recognizing African-American graduates in grades K-12; and

WHEREAS, those who knew him best would say that family was most important to Dr. Enochs; he took great pride in his family's accomplishments, and he devoted much of his time, energy, and resources to his family, even going so far as to establish the Elmer and Annie Morgan Enochs Scholarship to honor his late grandparents, who had “struggled and achieved despite the odds”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Enochs enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Dr. Peggy Enochs, and he is also survived by his daughters, Regina and Renee, and his granddaughter, Re'gine; and

WHEREAS, constantly stressing the value of education to his family, Dr. Enochs was filled with pride in his family when in 2001, three generations of Enochses became graduates: his wife, Peggy, received her Doctorate in Education from Tennessee State University, his daughter Regina received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Tennessee State University, his daughter Renee received her Juris Doctorate from Vanderbilt University Law School, and his granddaughter, Re'gine, graduated from kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Enochs has left behind a legacy of devotion to his students, pride and love for his family, and outstanding generosity to his community; his remarkable talents will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional educator, family man, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Dr. Richard Enochs of Tennessee State University, reflecting fondly upon the profound

influence he had upon so many lives and recognizing his spirit of benevolence and devotion to education that were constants throughout his life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Richard Enochs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.